

## **BMS Recording Network News**

**January 2016**

<p><b>To:</b> BMS Recording Network Contacts <b>cc:</b> BMS Field Mycology &amp; Conservation Committee members  <b>From:</b> David Harries, BMS Recording Network Coordinator</p>
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### **1. Social Media and Outreach Officer**

Meg Skully is the newly appointed Social Media and Outreach Officer for the British Mycological Society. Meg advises that she will facilitate liaison between external agencies and Senior Officers of the British Mycological Society and manage all social media and website outputs and content from the Society's committees. She will also provide a point of contact for any interesting conservation policy developments or news articles relating to rare finds etc. that the society should be aware of and should be highlighting in the public domain.

Additionally, Meg will support the Fungal Education and Outreach Chair and committee in the coordination of the Society's flagship outreach arm, UK Fungus Day (**9th October 2016**), and provide PR and marketing support to raise the profile of UK Fungus Day with external organisations and the wider audience.

Meg has kindly agreed to join us at the Group Leaders meeting in June.

### **2. Kew vouchers**

Fungus Recorders who submit voucher material to Kew may have been surprised to receive a request in their Christmas mail asking for completion of a declaration regarding the origin of the material etc.

Paul Cannon advises that this is one of the consequences of restructuring at Kew, with the fungarium now under control of the collections department. Kew, as part of its commitment to the 1992 Convention on Biodiversity, needs to be satisfied that donated material has been legally acquired.

Paul is working with colleagues to establish whether or not this should really apply to dried material collected within the UK, or if there are ways to minimise the paperwork - perhaps through a blanket declaration. In the meantime he asks that if you do receive a request, please can you complete and return the documentation.

Paul thanks us for our contributions and sends his very best wishes to the BMS Network for 2016.

### **3. Field Mycology Issue 4 reprint**

Geoff Kibby advises that the replacement copies of FM have been printed and are currently being posted.

DJH. January 2016  
BMS Recording Network Coordinator